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CFAES Community -

Thank you to everyone who helped make this year's virtual Farm Science Review a success – you should be extremely proud of your efforts. Over 190 scheduled educational events, with more than 450 educational features were shared through Map Your Show and will be available through next summer. Map Your Show has been visited over 66,000 times. In addition, there were 107,514 FSR Facebook views; 1,004 Ask the Expert views; 1,839 views on the Ag Crops YouTube and 779 views on the Forage videos. The 2020 Land-Grant Cornerstone Conversation featuring Governor Mike DeWine, our new Ohio State President Kristine Johnson, and elected officials has been viewed over 900 times already.

Today is an exciting day as the Knowledge Exchange (KX) has launched: **kx.osu.edu.** Our CFAES Knowledge Exchange will work with our Extension professionals to translate the research into materials such as FAQs, videos, and fact sheets to advance our state's strength in production agricultures, advance science, advance industry, and advance the knowledge of Ohioans and beyond. What we say with the KX is science is not done, until it's communicated. Learn more about KX in the update below.

Thank you to everyone for the continued hard work, flexibility and innovation. I also want to remind you to visit our Return to Offices and Campuses for processes related to the hiring pause, in-person event exemptions, travel approvals and others.

Be well.

Dean Cathann Kress

This update includes:
- The Knowledge Exchange (KX) Launch
- Advising support for students with COVID-19 concerns
- Pass/No Pass updates
- Poll worker program
- BuckeyeBox migration

The Knowledge Exchange (KX) Launch
It's here! The Knowledge Exchange (KX) launched a data and communications platform today: **kx.osu.edu.** The site offers research translations in four topic "buckets": Data and Tools, Environment and Natural Resources, Food and Agriculture, and People and Communities. The new centralized resource is designed to help a broader audience engage with the world-class research from CFAES. The goal? To get people actively connecting with research, asking questions and sharing in the discovery process. The KX site will be continuously updated with new tools and projects around food supply systems, water quality, farm stress, and more.

We want to emphasize that the KX website is only the beginning. You'll see much more as we continue to work with folks like you to amplify research! The KX team is developing new ways to connect people with data and research findings and they want to hear from you! Do you have research you'd like to share? Perhaps you want to brainstorm the larger story to your work? Are you an educator looking for ways to translate research for your community? Reach out to kx@osu.edu – we'd love to help!

Advising support for students with COVID-19 concerns
If a student can't attend class because of COVID-19 symptoms or has been told to quarantine or isolate, an academic advisor can answer their questions and connect them to the support resources they need. In addition to SLDS's COVID-Related Accommodation Request form, you can refer them to the advising support request form here for extra advising support.

Pass/No Pass in CFAES
As you are aware, by vote of the University Senate, undergraduate students may request a Pass/No Pass grading option for GE and Free Elective courses in Autumn 2020 and will have until November 20th to submit their request for full-term and second-session courses. (Note: The deadline to elect PA/NP for a first-session course is Friday, October 2nd.) Students are encouraged to take their time to carefully evaluate this option, consider the longer-term consequences of the decision, and consult with their academic advisor as any requests for PA/NP will not be reversed. In CFAES the PA/NP option is only available for GE courses and free electives, including any GE courses that are part of undergraduate majors, minors or other programs in the college - read more information here. Requests for PA/NP will be submitted using the online form located here. The form for semester-long or second-session courses is not yet available.

Poll worker program
To help address the anticipated shortage of poll workers on election day due to COVID-19, the university is announcing a program in which Ohio State employees who serve as poll workers for the Nov. 3 general election can now take a paid day off without using vacation time. Student employees and graduate associates are encouraged to work with their supervisors to arrange for time off to serve as a poll worker if their department can accommodate the absence. Read more »

BuckeyeBox migration
By now you have heard that BuckeyeBox is retiring. While some records should be migrated to OneDrive or Teams, many records in Box have met retention and should be deleted. Our goal during this clean-up and migration is to retain what we need to, dispose of what is permissible and do it while staying in compliance with state records laws. If records are past retention, submit a Certificate of Records Destruction for authorization to delete them. However, if the retention schedule requires certain records to continue to be maintained, they should be migrated. Retention schedules can be found here.

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